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1. Since 8 July the Communists in Paoan (113-56, 22-32) have conducted a general census and made raids on local residents. On finding anyone who has taken temporary lodging with a local resident, he is placed under arrest in the local regimental headquarters, kept incommunicado, and not allowed bail. They have made it known that from now on residents who give only temporary accommodation to friends and relatives are not reprehensible. They are allowed to provide accommodation for only one week. Those who wish to stay more than a week have to give reasons and obtain permission from Wei Yu-cheng (魏玉成), considered the highest authority in Paoan, before they are allowed to do so. All members of the household will be held responsible for them.
2. The Central and South China Bureau has asked all northerners in local garrison forces to control the thoughts of the local populace and to indoctrinate them within three months. The Communists are apparently losing confidence in the local Communist sympathizers of pre-occupation standing. Businessmen not of Paoan origin or any who do business in Hong Kong and Kowloon and young men of the intellectual class who have not participated recently in political work for the Communists are subject to arrest. As a result, many persons who are in Hong Kong and Kowloon on business dare not return to their homes in Paoan. Many people have been placed under detention during raids on the Yen'ou (延佑) Road area outside Shat'ouchia (沙頭角), Nant'ou (113-56, 22-31) and Tahninchieh (大新街).
3. On 12 August the Military Control Commission (MCC) of the area around Shayuyung (114-23, 22-37), Shench'uan (114-08, 22-32) and Paoan (113-52, 22-31) called a meeting to deal with the question of the maintenance of peace, since many troops had departed for the North. The meeting was held at the Shench'uan Middle School and attended by magistrates, heads of the various public safety sub-bureaus, company commanders of the government guards companies, heads of the anti-smuggling squads, etc. The meeting lasted from 11 a.m. to 6:25 p.m. and was presided over by CH'U Feng (朱峰, or 朱), Chairman of the MCC. The following resolutions were made:
 - a. To make close check on civilian firearms and force defected elements to surrender hidden arms.

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- b. To carry out a surprise census to check on the numbers of persons shown on family rice ration cards.
- c. To pay special attention to movement of families.
- d. Villagers in remote villages are to be ordered to report to their individual village heads whenever they intend leaving for more than 24 hours.
- e. To encourage discussion meetings among various classes. Meetings are to be held even though there are no crucial points for discussion, in order to gain the people's confidence.
- f. To establish a close watch on travelers. This is to stop Nationalist agents entering or leaving.
- g. Close censorship of mail, incoming and outgoing, will be carried out at the Shench'uan and Mant'ou Post Offices. The magistrate is to notify the heads of post offices that no letters are to be delivered without the approval of the censors of the MCC, and each postmaster will be held responsible.
- h. Any unemployed foreigners are to be sent back to their native places.
4. On 7 August control of emigration was put into operation by the Shanyung, Shench'uan, Paoan MCC. On the first day, persons leaving without an exit permit were subject to severe interrogation. So far the control has not come into effect in Paoan. Males and females between 16 and 40 are required to have two shop guarantees. Those who are either above or below the ages mentioned require only one shop guarantee. Exit permits are issued gratis.
5. On 9 August investigation and interrogation sortries stationed at Wenchintu (文金吊渡) and Lohu (羅湖) began asking all passengers for exit permits.
6. In Shat'ouchiao (沙頭角), persons who left for British territory without acquiring permits from their individual immediate authorities will be subject to detention for interrogation after their return from the British territory.
7. The following is a translation of an exit permit form.

T'aishan Hsien People's Government, 3rd (District) Police Station
Exit Identification Card
Character Pao (寶) Min (民) No. 123

	Date
Name	Photograph
Sex	Age
Profession	
Native Place	
Date of Leaving	
Reason for Leaving	
Destination	
Address at Destination	

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Places on route
to Destination

Card Issued by

Examined by

Remarks

REGULATIONS FOR CARD HOLDERS

- (1) The emigrant should carry this card and proceed according to the route declared.
 - (2) This card is valid for one trip and should not be loaned to any other person. If there is no photograph of the holder or no seal of the police station, the card is invalid.
 - (3) This card is valid for a temporary fixed period of 3 weeks. Reasons must be given to the police station if the holder is unable to leave within the fixed period and an extension will be granted.
 - (4) This card serves only as an exit permit and should not be used otherwise.
 - (5) This card is considered invalid after expiration of the time limit. A new card will be issued after application.
8. On 9 August the Paoan Government received an order from the Shayuyung, Shench'uan, Paoan MCC for forwarding to the Mant'ou Public Safety Sub-Bureau to the effect that the latter should carry out restriction on foreign goods imported by travelers at Shek'ou () and ensure that all unauthorized foreign goods are confiscated. If the goods are for military use the Government will take them over according to the current market price after taxes have been paid. The local trading company will act as purchasing agent.
 9. On 9 August a notice was issued by the Mant'ou Tax Collection Sub-Station to the effect that a hotel tax was to begin on that day. This tax is calculated at the rate of 20% on the income from room rentals. Every afternoon at 1700 hours, all hotel proprietors are required to submit their guest registration book for inspection to the public safety sub-bureau and then to the Tax Collection Station for assessment of taxation.
 10. By an order of the Shayuyung, Shench'uan, Paoan MCC on 28 July, battalion commanders and subordinate officers stationed in Paoan are instructed that during the period of "thought remodeling", they should station platoons in various villages to help the masses in attaining reorientation. Unit commanders and political workers are rushing to find accommodation in villages.
 11. Beginning 29 July officers, privates, and workers of various units are to gather at Mant'ou and Shench'uan (West area) to listen to speeches on local manners and customs given by members of the Political Commission, Shayuyung, Shench'uan, Paoan MCC so as to avoid misunderstandings with the natives. TENG Po-ho (曾伯豪) will address the gathering at Shench'uan, and CHEN Chung-hsien (陳仲軒) at Mant'ou.
 12. No special reactions either from the Paoan Command Headquarters or the MCC followed the incident when a patrol of British troops accidentally crossed the frontier.
 13. As from 1 August the Paoan Command Headquarters will be known as the Taichow, Tungkuang, Paoan Anti-Bandit Headquarters with its headquarters in Huiyang, 114-26, 23-05).

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14. On 17 August CHI Feng arrived in Kant'ou from Shen'chuan by special train. After spending about 25 minutes with the Paoan Magistrate, he immediately called an informal meeting of all department chiefs and secretaries of the Hsien Government. The following points were discussed:
- a. The Korean War is of the utmost importance. If necessary we can provide armed assistance at any time.
 - b. Both Tibet and Indochina should be liberated, but the time has not yet come. Even General CHI Te could not give the exact date when these two places will be liberated.
 - c. As regards our own territory, we would not hesitate for one moment to fight the Americans when the invasion on Formosa was launched.
 - d. When asked what part Russia would play in the invasion of Formosa CHI Feng gave an example - "When a family is robbed, it is not necessary for the head of the family to catch the thief".
 - e. Hong Kong represents a "leakage" from our country. It should first be placed under an economic blockade. Once the "precious pearl in the crown of the King" was lost, the British would give up rather than lose money. The success of the Wanshan campaign is a pointer towards Hong Kong. If the return from this operation is profitable, the liberation of Hong Kong is inevitable. Indochina is the rice-bowl of the world. We want it more urgently than we want Hong Kong, so we will leave the latter to rot.
15. CHI Feng added that these comments were his own personal ones and might be changed if he received different instructions.

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